

REMARKS

Claim 20 has been amended to correct the typographical error noted by the Examiner.

Allowed independent Claim 1 has been amended to eliminate the limitation wherein the asset specification data includes maintenance history data and wherein the market search module is configured to display the maintenance history data for the at least one of the identified assets. This limitation is not believed to be necessary to support the patentability of the claim.

Independent Claims 14 and 18 have each been amended to include the limitation that the bid definition includes a bid date defining when the asset will be available for placement of a bid thereon and an availability date defining when the asset is expected to become available for delivery. None of the art of record shows or suggests this limitation. Thus, for the same reasons as independent Claim 1, it is believed that independent Claims 14 and 18 and their associated dependent claims are in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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